

the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces in refusing to grant a petition for review.”.

**SA 2767.** Mr. MCCAIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2735 submitted by Mr. INOUE (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. JOHNSON) and intended to be proposed to the amendment SA 2730 proposed by Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON) to the bill H.R. 3082, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 2 of the amendment, beginning on line 8, strike “Notwithstanding” and all that follows through line 11.

**SA 2768.** Mr. REID (for Mr. LIEBERMAN) proposed an amendment to the bill S. 1825, to extend the authority for relocation expenses test programs for Federal employees, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 3, line 5, strike “October 31, 2009” and insert “December 18, 2009”.

**SA 2769.** Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 312, expressing the sense of the Senate on empowering and strengthening the United States Agency for International Development (USAID); as follows:

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

That it is the sense of the Senate that—

(1) a highly capable and knowledgeable individual should be nominated with all expediency and exigency to serve as the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development;

(2) the Administrator should—

(A) serve as the chief advocate for United States development capacity and strategy in top-level national security deliberations;

(B) serve as a powerful advocate and effective leader of an empowered USAID; and

(C) marshal the resources, knowledge, capacity, and experiences of USAID—

(i) to effectively represent USAID in inter-agency debate and in advancing and executing foreign policy; and

(ii) to improve ultimately the effectiveness and capability of United States foreign assistance;

(3) USAID must be empowered to be the primary development agency of the United States, and the Administrator must serve as the principal advisor to the President and national security organs of the United States Government on the capacity and strategy of United States development assistance;

(4) the Administrator should substantially and transparently increase the total number of full-time Foreign Service Officers employed by USAID, in part by reducing the reliance on outside contractor personnel, in order to enhance the ability of the agency to—

(A) carry out development activities around the world by providing USAID with additional human resources and expertise needed to meet important development and humanitarian needs around the world;

(B) strengthen the institutional capacity of USAID as the lead development agency of the United States; and

(C) more effectively help developing nations to become more stable, healthy, democratic, prosperous, and self-sufficient; and

(5) the Administrator should submit a strategy to Congress that includes—

(A) a plan to create a professional training program that will provide new and current Agency employees with technical, management, leadership, and language skills;

(B) a 5-year staffing plan;

(C) a description of further resources and statutory changes necessary to implement the proposed training and staffing plans; and

(D) a plan to address fraud and corruption in United States development assistance and procedures to safeguard United States foreign assistance funds from going to persons or organizations that advocate or engage in acts of international terrorism.

**SA 2770.** Mr. REID (for Mr. DODD) proposed an amendment to the resolution S. Res. 312, expressing the sense of the Senate on empowering and strengthening the United States Agency for International Development (USAID); as follows:

Strike the eighth whereas clause of the preamble.

In the tenth whereas clause of the preamble, strike “all aid programs are administered by Federal agencies other than USAID, and development funding” and insert “all foreign assistance programs are administered by Federal agencies other than USAID, and funding for such programs”.

## NOTICE OF HEARING

### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, at 10 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of this hearing is to explore the international aspects of global climate change.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record may do so by sending it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510-6150, or by e-mail to Gina\_Weinstock@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Jonathan Black at (202) 224-6722 or Gina Weinstock at (202) 224-5684.

## AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

### SUBCOMMITTEE ON WATER AND WILDLIFE

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Water and Wildlife of the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on November 9, 2009, at 3 p.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent, on behalf of Senator DODD, that CPT Lindsay George, a fellow in his office, be granted the privi-

lege of the floor for the consideration of H.R. 3082.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. REID. Madam President, we have worked all day to try to come up with some agreement with the Republicans to move forward on the Military Construction bill. We are hopeful tomorrow that we can do that. Today we have been unsuccessful. We have been unsuccessful, of course, in getting an agreement to move forward on the package of bills dealing with veterans. We will continue to work on a finite list of amendments remaining to the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill.

In view of the memorial service in Texas, there will be no rollcall votes tomorrow. We have tried to be more definite. I have had a number of Senators who have said they would go if there were no votes. I could not earlier today give them any indication that there would be no votes, but I think at this stage, with the memorial service in Texas taking place and a number of Senators wanting to go, we will have no votes tomorrow. There was some consideration that we would do it after they get back, but we have Veterans Day the next day, so we are going to have no votes until next Monday, a week from today. We will continue to work on the health care legislation and other things that are going to make that week prior to Thanksgiving extremely eventful.

The regular caucus lunch will be held tomorrow, the Democratic lunch at the usual location. President Clinton will be at that lunch to talk to us about health care and certainly he is someone who knows a lot about health care. The Democratic Members are encouraged to attend the caucus luncheon tomorrow. As we know, it starts at 12:30.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session to consider Calendar No. 530, the nomination of David Gompert, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence; that the nomination be confirmed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; that no further motions be in order; that any statements relating to the nomination be printed in the RECORD; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate resume legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MERKLEY). Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nomination considered and confirmed is as follows: